

IT MAY COME EASY

How Money Is Suddenly
Thrust Upon Men

SANDY BOWERS AND HIS SOCK

He Disposes of His Thousands in a
Novel Way—An Eccentric Miner
Made a Bonanza King by Surprise.

The sudden and great accumulation of wealth during the first fifteen years after the practical inauguration of the silver mining in Nevada has no parallel in the history of modern times. The fortunes made during the flush period in California were, to use a mild term, unimportant as compared with those acquired in Nevada in a day or night, simply by the fortunate stroke of a pick.

It was not business capacity nor shrewdness in any form that brought riches to the fortunate ones during that epoch of Nevada's greatest prosperity. It was sheer luck, as in the greatest number of instances those most ignorant of all the business principles were more lavishly favored by fortune than their intellectual superiors.

The case of Lemuel L. Bowers, popularly known as "Sandy" Bowers, a superlatively illiterate but very generous man, is a fair substantiation of the above.

In 1860 he was earning a precarious livelihood by placer mining in Gold Canyon (now Gold Hill), and in the latter part of that year, when the discovery of silver in the Comstock was announced, he found that ten feet of his claim covered a portion of the lode; and the former, after being systematically prospected, gave promise of great value. The ten feet adjoining his belonged to a widow—Mrs. Cowan—his social and intellectual equal. Sandy and the widow had known each other a long time, and now, as a new and prosperous era seemed to dawn for them, they concluded to pool their prospective wealth by getting married. The mining ground owned by this couple is what is known as Crown Point Ravine, Upper Gold Hill, and was called the Bowers mine.

A WEALTHY COUPLE.
About the middle of 1860, while Sandy was taking out \$2,000 per day, he was offered \$500,000 for his claim and refused to sell.

Neither he nor his wife had ever before been accustomed to any of the greater luxuries which are at the command of boundless wealth, and having a penchant for display of semicivilized grandeur, the reader can form an idea of the regal dotings of the Bowers household. They were in imitation of the "Rasher" family, only that the Bowerses added a little more tinsel and red fire.

They believed themselves in possession of Aladdin's wonderful lamp, and regulated their expenses accordingly. Their hospitality knew no bounds and they entertained every one—but in such style as to cause considerable merriment for those who made their society debut before arriving on the Comstock.

The Bowerses were then the wealthiest couple in Virginia City, and while innocently rendering themselves the subject of much ridicule when not present, their ready cash commanded for them much obsequiousness at other times. In 1863 Sandy conceived the idea of erecting a granite palace on a little ranch belonging to his wife in Washoe valley. This so-called ranch was then a howling wilderness. Mark Twain once spoke of this, and to convey an idea of its perfect isolation, observed that the first architect sent to the place to select the most eligible site for the structure was killed by the savage Indians abounding in that locality. Specifications and plans were soon drawn in the most extravagant scale, but in full keeping with Sandy's crude conception of doing the "grand thing."

The Bowers mine continued to yield an enormous revenue, a large percentage of which was devoted to the completion of the palace in the wilderness.

THE MANSION.
Bowers' mansion, as the structure was named, was indeed a beautiful place, and would even at this age of a magnificent style of architecture have been an ornament to Nob Hill. No expense was spared in its thorough equipment. Hot and cold water was conducted into the mansion from the hills in the rear of the grounds, which by that time had been cultivated in the most modern style of the landscape gardener's art.

To convey an idea to the reader of the extravagance indulged in the construction and fitting up of that establishment it is only necessary to say that every doorknob and stair rod was made of solid bullion, and all else about the premises was in strict conformity with that degree of lavishness.

The whole affair did not cost less than \$500,000. The matter of economy never entered their minds. In 1865 the revenue from the mine began diminishing from month to month, and in 1866 ceased altogether. The property soon became worthless, and the few dollars saved from the break soon followed the rest.

In 1867 Sandy Bowers died, having nothing to leave to his widow but the granite palace and what it contained. It can be easily imagined that Mrs. Bowers, after the extravagant career she had indulged in for six years, found a more than disagreeable to be unable to gratify every whim, as in the past, but to meet the expense of her menage she was compelled to gradually dispose of the library, pictures, work of art, costly articles of vertu and silverware, etc., until her friends scarcely recognized the interior of the mansion.

For some years subsequent the mansion and grounds were used as a picnic resort for the people of Carson, Virginia City and Reno, but now the place is a habitation only for owls, bats and snakes. The widow is still a resident of Nevada, and earns a living telling fortunes by means of Scotch "peep stones."—Cor. Pittsburg Press.

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A manager who expends thousands of dollars in order that nothing will be neglected that might add to the enjoyment of his patrons certainly deserves success and as a rule he generally gets it, if the public would endeavor to dis-

criminate between responsible companies and those who possess no stability. There are plenty of good shows, but, unfortunately, there are hundreds which are utterly devoid of merit. Now, anyone can tell at a glance if they see a magnificent new store with massive plate glass windows, that it necessarily calls for a great outlay of money to erect it, and the stock in such a store is generally of the finest. The same line of reasoning applies to theatrical enterprises; for instance, when you see a show billed in the lavishly and expensive manner that characterizes "She Couldn't Marry Three" company you can rest assured that there is money and push back of it. The beautiful, artistic pictorial lithographic work is the finest and the costliest on the road. No lithographing firm would attempt that kind of work without having \$10,000 down to insure them from loss. This is only one of the many items of a great show, and the same good taste which provides this beautiful printing will neglect no other department of the show. So there is not a doubt that the production of "She Couldn't Marry Three" is the biggest show of the season.

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